

Federal Management Regulation

§ 102-117.170

NOTE TO § 102-117.135(b): Non-vessel Operations Common Carrier (NVOCC) or freight forwarder bills of lading are not acceptable (see 48 CFR part 47). They should be attached to the underlying ocean carrier bill of lading.

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§ 102-117.140 What is cargo preference?

Cargo preference is the statutory requirement that all, or a portion of all, ocean-borne cargo that moves internationally be transported on U.S. flag vessels. Deviations or waivers from the cargo preference laws must be approved by:

Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Cargo Preference, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, <http://marad.dot.gov/>. Tel. 1-800-987-3524. E-mail: cargo.marad@dot.gov.

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§ 102-117.145 What are coastwise laws?

Coastwise laws refer to laws governing shipment of freight, household goods and passengers by water between points in the United States or its territories. The purpose of these laws is to assure reliable shipping service and the existence of a maritime capability in times of war or national emergency (see section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, 46 App. U.S.C. 883, 19 CFR 4.80).

§ 102-117.150 What do I need to know about coastwise laws?

You need to know that:

(a) Goods transported entirely or partly by water between U.S. points, either directly or via a foreign port, must travel in U.S. flag vessels that have a coastwise endorsement;

(b) There are exceptions and limits for the U.S. Island territories and possessions in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans (see § 102-117.155); and

(c) The Secretary of the Treasury is empowered to impose monetary penalties against agencies that violate the coastwise laws.

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§ 102-117.155 Where do I go for further information about coastwise laws?

You may refer to 46 App. U.S.C. 883, 19 CFR 4.80, DOT MARAD (800-987-3524 or www.cargo.marad@dot.gov), the U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Customs Service for further information on exceptions to the coastwise laws.

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Subpart E—Shipping Freight

§ 102-117.160 What is freight?

Freight is property or goods transported as cargo.

§ 102-117.165 What shipping process must I use for freight?

Use the following shipping process for freight:

(a) For domestic shipments you must:

- (1) Identify what you are shipping;
- (2) Decide if the cargo is HAZMAT, classified, or sensitive that may require special handling or placards;
- (3) Decide mode;
- (4) Check for applicable contracts or rate tenders within your agency or other agencies, including GSA;
- (5) Select the most efficient and economical TSP that gives the best value;
- (6) Prepare shipping documents; and
- (7) Schedule pickup, declare released value and ensure prompt delivery with a fully executed receipt, and oversee shipment.

(b) For international shipments you must follow all the domestic procedures and, in addition, comply with the cargo preference laws. For specific information, see subpart D of this part.

§ 102-117.170 What reference materials are available to ship freight?

(a) The following is a partial list of handbooks and guides available from GSA:

- (1) U.S. Government Freight Transportation Handbook;
- (2) Limited Authority to Use Commercial Forms and Procedures;
- (3) Submission of Transportation Documents; and
- (4) Things to be Aware of When Routing or Receiving Freight Shipments.

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(b) For the list in paragraph (a) of the section and other reference materials, contact:

(1) General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Audit Division (FBA), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, www.gsa.gov/transaudits; or

(2) General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, 1500 Bannister Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, <http://www.kc.gsa.gov/fsstt>.

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§ 102-117.175 What factors do I consider to determine the mode of transportation?

Your shipping urgency and any special handling requirements determine which mode of transportation you select. Each mode has unique requirements for documentation, liability, size, weight and delivery time. HAZMAT, radioactive, and other specialized cargo may require special permits and may limit your choices.

§ 102-117.180 What transportation documents must I use to ship freight?

To ship freight:

(a) By land (domestic shipments), use a bill of lading;

(b) By land (international shipments), you may, but are not required to, use the optional GBL;

(c) By ocean, use an ocean bill of lading, when suitable, along with the GBL. You only need an ocean bill of lading for door-to-door movements; and

(d) By air, use a bill of lading.

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§ 102-117.185 Where must I send a copy of the transportation documents?

(a) You must forward an original copy of all transportation documents to:

General Services Administration
Federal Supply Service
Audit Division (FBA)
1800 F Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20405

(b) For all property shipments subject to the cargo preference laws (see § 102-117.140), a copy of the ocean carrier's bill of lading, showing all freight

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charges, must be sent to MARAD within 30 days of vessel loading.

§ 102-117.190 Where do I file a claim for loss or damage to property?

You must file a claim for loss or damage to property with the TSP.

§ 102-117.195 Are there time limits affecting filing of a claim?

Yes, several statutes limit the time for administrative or judicial action against a TSP. Refer to part 102-118 of this chapter for more information and the time limit tables.

Subpart F—Shipping Hazardous Material (HAZMAT)

§ 102-117.200 What is HAZMAT?

HAZMAT is a substance or material the Secretary of Transportation determines to be an unreasonable risk to health, safety and property when transported in commerce. Therefore, there are restrictions on transporting HAZMAT (49 U.S.C. 5103 *et seq.*).

§ 102-117.205 What are the restrictions for transporting HAZMAT?

Agencies that ship HAZMAT are subject to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation regulations, as well as applicable State and local government rules and regulations.

§ 102-117.210 Where can I get guidance on transporting HAZMAT?

The Secretary of Transportation prescribes regulations for the safe transportation of HAZMAT in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce in 49 CFR parts 171 through 180. The Environmental Protection Agency also prescribes regulations on transporting HAZMAT in 40 CFR parts 260 through 266. You may also call the HAZMAT information hotline at 1-800-467-4922 (Washington, DC area, call 202-366-4488).